## STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

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IN THE MATTER OF	: Nickolas F. DeFina	)		
	D/b/a DeFina Financial	)	FILE NO.	0600514
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## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO THE RESPONDENT: Nickolas F. DeFina

D/b/a DeFina Financial 1014 S. Clarence Ave. Oak Park, Illinois 60304

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.E of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act") and 14III. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 4th day of December 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, before James L. Kopecky, Esq. or such duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order shall be entered pursuant to Section 11.E of the Act prohibiting Respondent from selling or offering for sale securities in the State of Illinois and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to 11.E(4) of the Act, payable within 10 (ten) days of the order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

- 1. The Respondent, Nickolas F. DeFina, d/b/a DeFina Financial ("DeFina"), has a last known address of 1014 S. Clarence Ave., Oak Park, Illinois 60304.
- 2. DeFina provided investment services under the name DeFina Financial.
- 3. The investor, KG, is an Illinois resident.
- 4. DeFina is not registered in any capacity with the State of Illinois under the Act.

- 5. On November 13, 2003 KG invested \$10,000 with the Respondent.
- 6. On December 30, 2003 KG invested \$24,000 with the Respondent.
- 7. On September 4, 2005 KG invested \$5,000 with the Respondent.
- 8. The Respondent was to invest the funds identified above on behalf of KG in stocks and other securities.
- 9. The Respondent provided a statement as of June 30, 2005 identifying a balance of \$38,124.50 in KG's account although there is no other evidence that such account existed.
- 10. KG has not received a statement since June 30, 2005 nor has KG been able to obtain any of her funds from the Respondent.
- 11. Section 12.C of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the Act to act as a dealer, salesperson, investment adviser, or an investment adviser representative, unless registered as such, where such registration is required, under the provisions of the Act.
- 12. Section 12.J(1) of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person when acting as an investment adviser, investment adviser representative, or federal covered investment adviser, by any means or instrumentality, directly or indirectly to employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud any client or prospective client;
- 13. Section 12.J(2) of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person when acting as an investment adviser, investment adviser representative, or federal covered investment adviser, by any means or instrumentality, directly or indirectly to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates as a fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client.
- 14. By virtue of the foregoing, Respondent has violated Sections 12.C, 12.J(1) and 12.J(2) of the Act.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 Ill. Adm. Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this notice. A failure to file an answer within the prescribed time shall be construed as an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing.

Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall

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constitute default, unless any Respondent has upon due notice moved for and obtained a continuance.

The Rules promulgated under the Act and pertaining to Hearings held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department may be viewed online at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/securities/lawrules.html.

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DATED: This \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2008.

JESSE WHITE Secretary of State State of Illinois

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